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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6941

BILL NUMBER: SB 201

DATE PREPARED: Dec 18, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Emergency animal health and health rules.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows the Governor during a disease epidemic in another state to prohibit the importation of animals or products from animals that would be injurious to the health of Indiana's citizens or animals. If the Indiana State Board of Animal Health determines that a disease presents a definite health hazard (1) the Board may adopt emergency rules; and (2) the State Veterinarian may issue emergency orders. If the Board determines that a disease epidemic will result in a large number of dead animals, the Board may adopt emergency rules concerning the disposal of dead animals. When an animal health emergency is declared, the Board may (1) use any funds appropriated to the Board; and (2) request additional funds from the Budget Agency.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: When an animal emergency occurs, this bill allows the Board of Animal Health to use any funds appropriated to it and to submit a request to the Budget Agency to use revenue in the Budget Agency Departmental and Institutional Contingency Fund. The Contingency Fund has received a \$10 million appropriation from the General Assembly for at least each of the last three bienniums. (Money in this Fund at the end of each biennium reverts to the General Fund.) During the past three bienniums a total of \$2.6 million has been used from the Fund. The average Fund balance at the end of the past three bienniums has been over \$9 million. Whether the Board of Animal Health will need to use revenue from this Fund will depend on the number and nature of animal health emergencies that occur. The fiscal impact is indeterminable.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Board of Animal Health

Local Agencies Affected:

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